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WHAT IS DOING IN OKLAHOMA

A REVIEW OF EVENTS OF WEEK
FROM ALL SECTIONS

FLOOD DOES CROP DAMAGE

Bridges Out, Farmers Near Hobart
Rescued After Hours Spent in
Tree Refuge.

Clinton, Okla.—Washing out every road bridge in Custer county and damaging all railway bridges, rain which took the proportions of a cloudburst has stopped all traffic in this district and caused damage estimated at at least \$200,000, according to reports.

More than eight inches of rain fell during a steady downpour of rain for eight hours, according to gauges.

The Washita river valley is completely flooded, and hundreds of head of cattle and other livestock were drowned. Many persons narrowly escaped the rapidly rising flood waters.

The bridge company bridge across the Washita river just east of Clinton went out in the flood. Many long stretches of railway tracks were washed out, the worst of which is eleven miles of track on the Burney line along the river near Clinton. Railway officials say it may be ten days before trains can be run over the tracks. Service has been completely shut up.

Meager reports from points west of Clinton are the rainfall and stream general almost to the western edge of the state and within a radius of fifty miles in all directions.

WILL PLANT A GRAPE CROP

U. S. Expert Says Northwestern
County Lands Ideal for Production.

Woodward, Okla.—In spite of the late frosts, which destroyed the peach and cherry crops and almost put the wheat and early apple crops out of commission, a college teacher who has been developing the Okla. lands northwest which will insure an abundance of yellow and preserves in future winters. This is the grape and cash crop, which Elmer F. Chilton, superintendent of the Woodward federal field station, says will make this section a great vineyard country and possibly a greater country for bees and alfalfa hay.

Chilton is in charge of the dry farming experimental stations of the United States department of agriculture, and recent series of experiments in grape culture has proved to him satisfaction that the sandy land around Woodward can be turned into rich vineyard lands even as productive as those of the Fresno valley of California. He thinks that the "fruit of the vine" can be made a steady and profitable crop for all this Oklahoma Panhandle, of which Woodward is the commercial nucleus, and is urging farmers to plant vineyards on what has been thought to be their waste lands.

WILL HOLD PRELIMINARIES

Large Numbers of Students Necessitate Elimination.

Norman.—Because of the large number of high school contestants expected at the University of Oklahoma May 5, 6 and 7, for the seventeenth annual interscholastic meet, occasioned by the addition of fourteen new non-scholastic events, preliminaries in many of the individual contests will be held, according to F. J. Lewis, director in charge of this division of the meet program.

Elimination preliminaries will be held in piano, voice, and elocution. Each will be divided into two or three sections and three winners from each section will compete in the finals. Both preliminaries and finals in these events will be on Friday, May 6. The preheats contest also will be divided this year for the first time into two classes according to the number of players in the organization. Class A orchestra will contain eighteen or more pieces and Class B less than eighteen.

EMPLOYMENT ON INCREASE

Firms Laying Off Labor Mostly Are
Seasonable Industries.

Oklahoma City.—The downward trend of unemployment in January reported by fourteen of the leading manufacturing industries in the state continued through February and March, compared with conditions of November and December, 1920, according to a compilation of figures made public here recently by Claude E. Connelly, state labor commissioner.

A comparison of forty-two of the larger industrial establishments showed 8,882 persons on state pay rolls during the last week in March as against 12,591 persons partially employed by these establishments according to the report. The average percentage below normal for these forty-two firms included in the survey is approximately 45 per cent, the report adds. Normal conditions are reported from a few public utility firms.

Notwithstanding this reported reduction in the working force, there is a feeling of confidence expressed from many firms as to future business conditions, the report stated.

PREDICT BEEF SHORTAGE

Northern Oklahoma Pastures Have
Few Cattle; Other States Shy.

Hogman.—The low price of beef, which caused many Okla. county stockmen to buy few head of cattle last fall or early through the winter, has resulted in only 75 per cent of the pastures being stocked with cattle. A survey of the range indicates that there is little prospect of filling them up either. The paucity of the range here, like in other cattle countries, leaves the beef raising business to the small farmer and incidental stockman.

On any day that the situation with reference to Okla. county is equally representative of the cattle country generally, Kansas has a very high supply of cattle in the pastures and this is true of Texas and New Mexico.

It is well to follow the range hand as a guide to a serious shortage with consequent high prices this fall.

SEEK QUALITY BROOM CORN

Organization to Boost Crop is Formed
At Chickasha.

Chickasha, Okla.—Quality instead of quantity in the production of broom corn in Oklahoma was the trend of the meeting of persons interested in growing the product. Farmers, manufacturers, broom corn dealers, business men and bankers were in attendance.

A broom corn association to encourage the growing and marketing of the crop was organized at the meeting. It was decided to make the meeting at Chickasha an annual affair.

Addresses were made at the meeting by F. F. White of the Western Broom company, Tulsa, P. H. Kelsa of Tulsa and Paul Spikes of Spikes Brothers, Dallas, Texas.

The Chickasha chamber of commerce, the Rotary club and the Elks lodge have taken an active part in the raising of the crop in this district.

TOWN LOTS BACK TO TRIBE

Illegal Purchasing of Land Belonging
to Indians Charged.

Muskogee.—The last of the famous Creek town lot cases that involved many prominent residents of eastern Oklahoma when federal prosecutions were instituted thirteen years ago, were settled in the United States district court recently, with twenty-two lots being turned back to the tribe.

The cases grew out of the alleged illegal purchase of lots owned by the tribe by persons who used "dummies" because of the restrictions providing that only a certain amount of property could be purchased by each individual. Each lot consisted of four acres. All told, 112 lots were recovered by the tribe.

BODY OF MAIL MAN FOUND

Five Held For Investigation; Stolen
Car Is Found In Garage.

Miami.—The body of A. Pyre, star mail carrier between Vinita and Central, murdered on the night of March 25, was discovered eight miles east of Vinita in the ashes of a burned straw

stack. Five men are being held for investigation.

Pyre is supposed to have been killed by an Alton garage, where it had been stored by the supposed murderers.

Rains Damage Pittsburg, Mo.—Incessant rains all the week (Thursday) Pittsburg county have done untold damage to truck crops as well as corn and oats, according to reports from the county agent's office here.

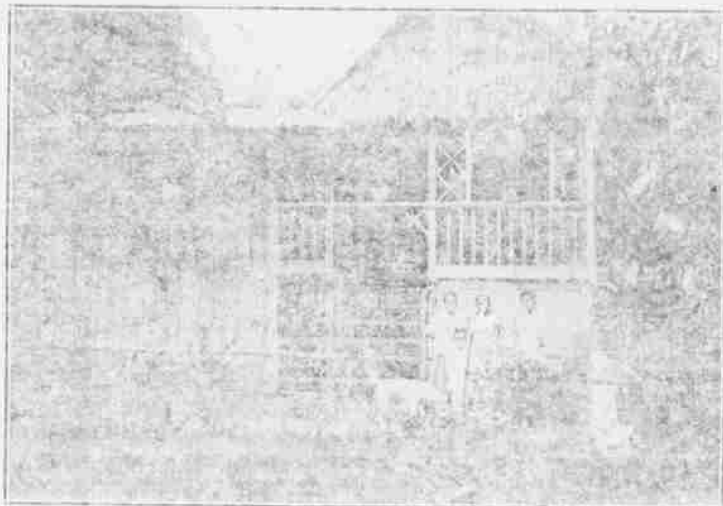
O. U. Wins State Oratory Meet.

Norman.—Amos Mousa of Krebs, representing the University of Oklahoma, won the state oratory championship in the interscholastic contest at Tulsa recently and will represent Oklahoma in the interstate meet at Mitchell, S. D., in May, according to reports received.

Henryetta Divides Offices.

Henryetta.—Democrats and republicans shared in victories at the election here recently.

Here's a Real Argument For Philippine Independence



A Typical Philippine Homestead

The United States isn't the only country that has homesteaders—the enterprising pioneers who leave their populated districts and take their families into virgin territory to create homes for themselves. The Philippine Islands have thousands of thirty-acre homesteads.

The above photograph shows a picture of a typical Philippine homestead and his family near Pinar, Cebu. He was a man who worked for some wages in a city in a thickly populated city. He went into the wilderness of Mindanao, planted hemp and coconuts, paid for his land and has become wealthy. Thousands of similar homesteads could be created. One Mindanao homesteader is worth \$2,000 a year.

ASKS INDEPENDENCE WITH OR WITHOUT PROTECTION

Manila, P. I.—The people of the Philippines want independence. In whatever form they can get it, Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, declared in an address before that body.

"Let the Americans in the Philippines and those in the United States know that the people of the Philippines covet their freedom, liberty and political emancipation so much that they will not hesitate to receive from the Congress of the United States complete and absolute independence without protection," Quezon said.

"If the United States, dictated by its own interests, decides to extend protection to the Philippines, well and good. We would accept that as a solution of our problems. If not, let us have absolute independence in whatever form we can get it."

President Quezon declared that if the question were put before the Philippines for a vote, 98 per cent would favor absolute independence.

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HOSPITAL TO MUSKOGEE

C. of C. Secretary Says Establishment

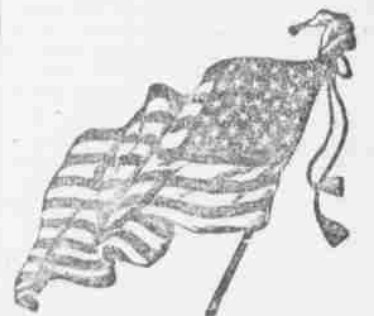
of Institution Doubtful.

Muskogee, Okla.—Muskogee stands a good show of getting a federal hospital for former soldiers if such an institution is established in Oklahoma. E. W. Smart, secretary of the chamber of commerce, said upon his return from Washington.

Smart said that sentiment among republican leaders now, however, is against the construction of new buildings as long as the hospitals in the government can be repaired for temporary service.

Muskogee County Boys Get Cattle.

Muskogee.—Boys' club work in Muskogee county was given an impetus with the announcement by John White, county agent, that J. Simpson, breeder of fine Aberdeen Angus cattle was to sponsor a beef club, and that Patterson and Harris, Jersey breeders were to get behind the dairy club. Each sponsor will furnish pure bred animals to club members on request by bankers here. Simpson's Angus cattle recently won most of the blue ribbons at Fort Worth and Oklahoma City shows.



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